The commercial production of bulk drug Betamethasone Di sodium Phos. using the modified process through own indigenous R&D efforts was commenced by M/s Glaxo India Ltd. on 1.1 1990.

Prices of Parachlorometxylenol, Doxycline and other drugs

273. SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1369 given in the Rajya Sabha on 4th August, 1994 and state:

(a) what action has the Ministry taken on the recommendation of the BICP in respect of Doxycycline, Nalidixic Acid, Parachlorometxylenol, Framycetin Sulphate and other drugs where prices have not been notified;

(b) when was the recommendation of the BICP in respect of each of the above drugs received and at what stage it stands at present;

(c) when did validity of exemption of Glipizide and Povidine Iodine expire and what steps have been taken to fix their prices; and

(d) what was the price of Cemitidine and Verapamilon which the formulation prices were based in September, 1987, when were the formulation prices revised thereafter and on what price of the bulk drugs are they based at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) The prices of all hese four bulk drugs have since been notified.

(c) The validity periods of exemption from price control in respect of bulk drugs Glipizide and Povidine Iodine have not expired.

(d) Under DPCO 1987, the prices of Cemitidine formulations and Verapamil formulations were fixed in June; 1988 and November; 1989 respectively which were based on the weighted average landed cost of imported bulk drugs. The prices of Cemitidine formulations have not been revised. The prices of Verapamil formulations were revised downward in November, 1994 based on the weighted average landed cost of Rs. 8354.24 kg. of imported bulk-drug.

Cost of Fumycin Capsules

274. SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Fumycin Capsules are being sold at almost for times than the other brands of similar formulations of other companies;

(b) if so, what is the price of each strength and pack of Fumycin capsule and I.V. Injection and what is the price of each of other companies;

(c) what is the MAPE taken by the producer of Fumycin and what is the bulk drug involved;

(d) who is the producer of Fumycin brand of formulation and what is the composition of each and what price of bulk drug is taken;

(e) whether it is a fact that these formulations are out of price control if so; whether the Ministry has examined the break up as required under DPCO; and

(f) if so; what is Govt's reaction and what steps are being taken to stop over profiteering?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN [illegible] RY OF CHEMICALS AND [illegible]ZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) :(a) to (f) Information would collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

DPEA Provisions in the drug policy

275. SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD:

SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 317 given in the Rajya Sabha on 28th July, 1994 and state;

(a) whether the review of the 1986 drug policy has been finalised and if so, what are the salient features of such a review;

(b) what are the main changes which have been made in the 1986 policy particularly with regard to DPEA in respect of recovery and utilization of amounts;

(c) whether less is also proposed to be levied and if so; on what basis;

(d) whether provisions relating to exemption from price control on the basis of R&D have also been altered and strengthened and if so; what are the full details; and

(e) what is the rationale of controlling prices of old drugs already produced in the country when the new drugs patented after April; 1995 would be outside price control?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (e) The deails including the salient features of the review of Drug Policy; 1986 are contained in the booklet 'Modifications in Drug Policy, 1986' copies of which have been placed in the Parliament Library.

Price of formulations based on Verapamil Hcl

276. SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question No. 342 given in Rajya Sabha on 28th July, 1994 and state:

(a) when was the leader price of formulations based on Verapamil Hcl price of Rs. 8950.40 per Kg. announced and what were the details of the ceiling prices pack-wise;

(b) when were these prices revised, what was the price of bulk drug adopted and what are the pack-wise ceiling prices of formulations at present;

(c) whether it is a fact that custom duty on the bulk drug was reduced in March, 1994 and if so, what steps have been taken to reduce the formulation price accordingly; and

(d) what steps are being contemplated by Government to bring the formulation prices in tune with the current bulk drug price?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (d) In accordance with the provisions of DPCO 1987 the ceiling price of formulations based on Verapamil Hcl have been revised in December; 1993 and November; 1994 adopting the DGHS weighted average import price of the bulk drug as Rs. 8950.40 per kg. and Rs. 6354.24 kgs. respectively.

Details of packs and their prices are given below :

Name of formulation/Strength		Pack Size	Ceiling price (Rs.)	
			24.12.1993	29.11.1994
Verapamil Hcl. tabs./DRAGEES.	:			
	400 mg.	10's Strip	8.26	6.20
	80 mg.	10's Strip	16.24	11.86
	240 mg.	10's Strip	50.40	36.40